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SAFETY BULLETIN Motor Vehicle Safety Facts January 2006

Some facts for government workers to think about when operating a vehicle...

Costs of Traffic Crashes

- Traffic crashes are the leading cause of on-the-job fatalities in the US.
- From 1992 to 2001, half the federal workers who died on the job lost their lives in transportation incidents.
- In FY 03, 28 federal workers were killed in job-related traffic crashes and another 8,000 were injured.
- Over the past five years, the US government has paid out nearly \$75 million in medical and compensation costs linked to federal employee injuries and deaths related to motor vehicle accidents.

Seat Belts Save Lives

- Using seat belts cuts the risk of death by 45% for people riding in cars and by as much as 60% for those traveling in trucks or SUVs.
- Seat belts save 14,000 lives each year and every state in the union has some kind of law mandating seat belt usage. But still, 20% of Americans fail to buckle up.
- Federal employees are required to wear seat belts every time they travel while on official business (as either a passenger or driver).

Remember to always Buckle Up.



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